(c) No, Sir.

Export of Cotton

*340. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of cotton exported during the last two financial years;

(b) what was the average price realised in each year; and

(c) what was the average price obtained in the internal market during the last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The total quantity of cotton exported and the price realisation during the last two cotton years is given below:—

Rs. in Crores

Year	Qty. in lakh bales	Amount
1983-84	3·54	98·36
1984-85	1·79	63 84

(c) The average price which prevailed in the local market during the last two cotton years is given below:

(Price in Rs. per quintal)

Year	Short Staple	Medium staple	Long staple
1983-84		1824	1871
1984-85		1997	1743

Airports receiving Chartered Tourist Flights

†2193. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the airports which are permitted to receive chartered tourist flights from abroad in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to permit Shillong airport also for chartered flights; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The guidelines for operation of charters to the country permit the airports at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Trivandrum and Dabolim (Goa) to receive charter flights from abroad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The selection of airports for receiving charters has to meet many specified factors like ability of the airport to receive wide-bodied jets, development of other aspects of infrastructure and demand from charter originating country etc. At present all these requirements are not satisfied in respect of Shillong Airport.

Discussions by the Minister of External Affairs with US Authorities on International Development Agency

‡2194. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of discussion of the Minister of External Affairs with the US authorities for

†Previously Unstarred Question 1668, transferred from the 12th March, 1986.

‡Previously Unstarred Question 1771, transferred from the 13th March, 1986.